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Apalachee Savannahs Scenic Byway

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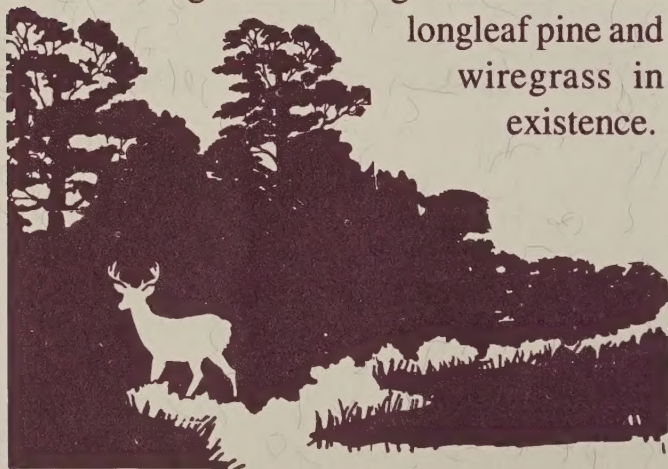
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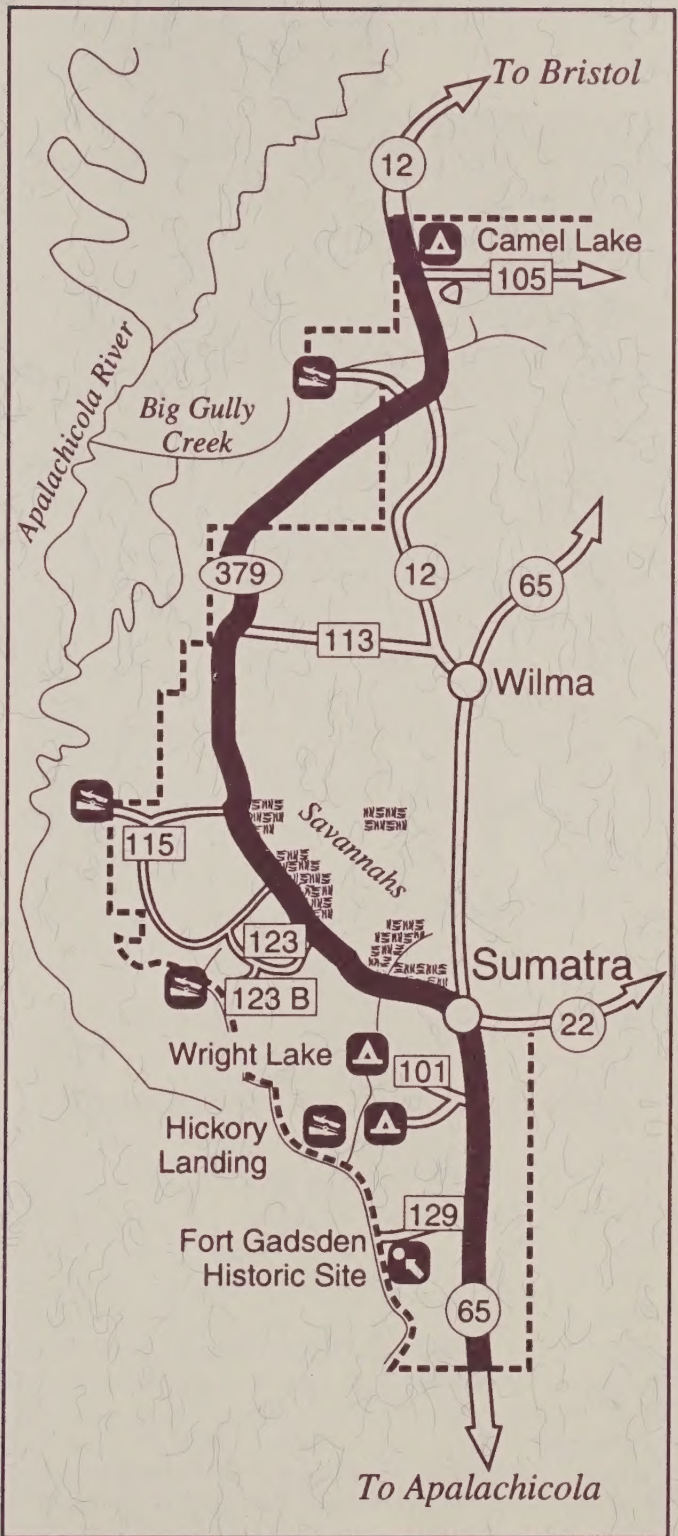


The scenic byway begins 9 miles south of Bristol at the boundary of the Apalachicola National Forest on State Road (SR) 12. Turning onto SR 379, the Byway travels through flat to gently rolling terrain and moist lowlands. Visitors may explore bays of magnolia and cypress, groves of oak or stands of longleaf pine that thrive in the sandhills and flatwoods.

The grassy, open spaces mark savannahs, which provide moist-to-wet terrain that support many varieties of wildflowers including orchids, pitcher plants, and sundews. These savannahs are one of the most botanically rich areas in the country. The Byway is also ecologically important as a showcase for one of the largest remaining blocks of natural

longleaf pine and wiregrass in existence.





LEGEND:



Campground



Boat Launch



Historic Site

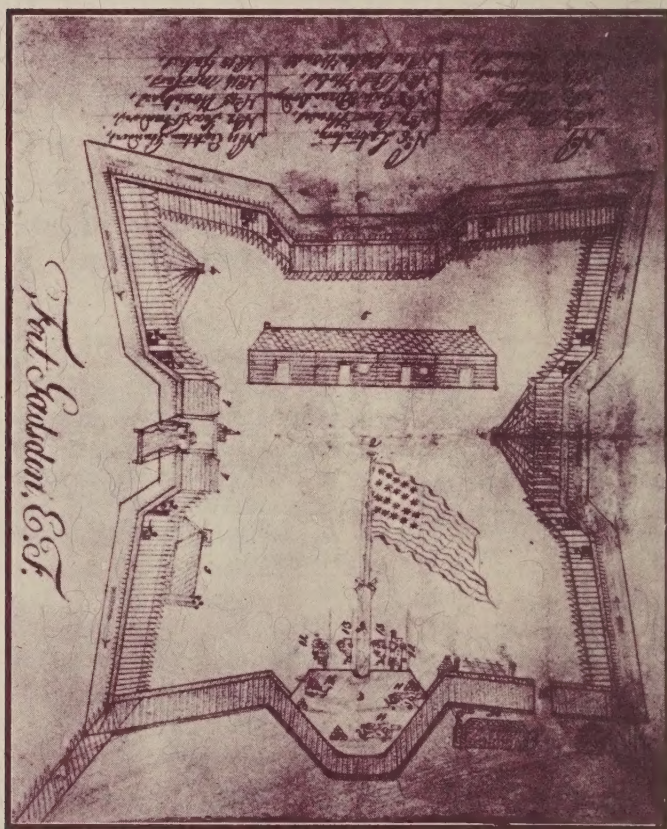


Savannahs

Endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, fox squirrels, black bears, bobcats, wild turkeys, gray fox, raccoons and alligators are at home in the diversified ecosystems of the Apalachee Savannahs Scenic Byway.



History buffs will enjoy visiting Fort Gadsden Historic Site near the southern end of the Byway. Visitors may view the outdoor museum with its diorama depicting dramatic events that took place here on the Apalachicola River. The Scenic Byway ends at the National Forest boundary on SR 65.



About the National Forests in Florida . . .

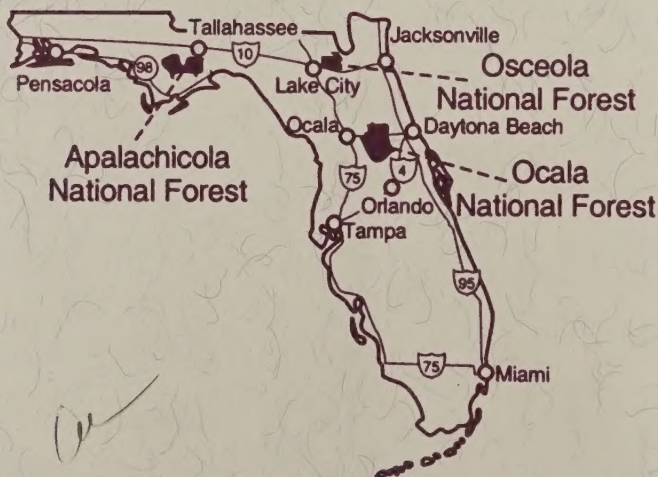
Florida's National Forests—the Apalachicola, Osceola, and Ocala—contain over 1,127,000 acres. The unique diversity of plants and animals found on these public lands, coupled with the Forests' beauty and numerous recreational facilities, annually attracts millions of visitors.

National forest woodlands produce about 600 billion gallons of water each year and more than 36,000 acres of lakes and ponds provide numerous opportunities for people and wildlife alike.

Trees harvested from the Sunshine State's national forests provide jobs and monies for local communities, as well as a variety of wood products.

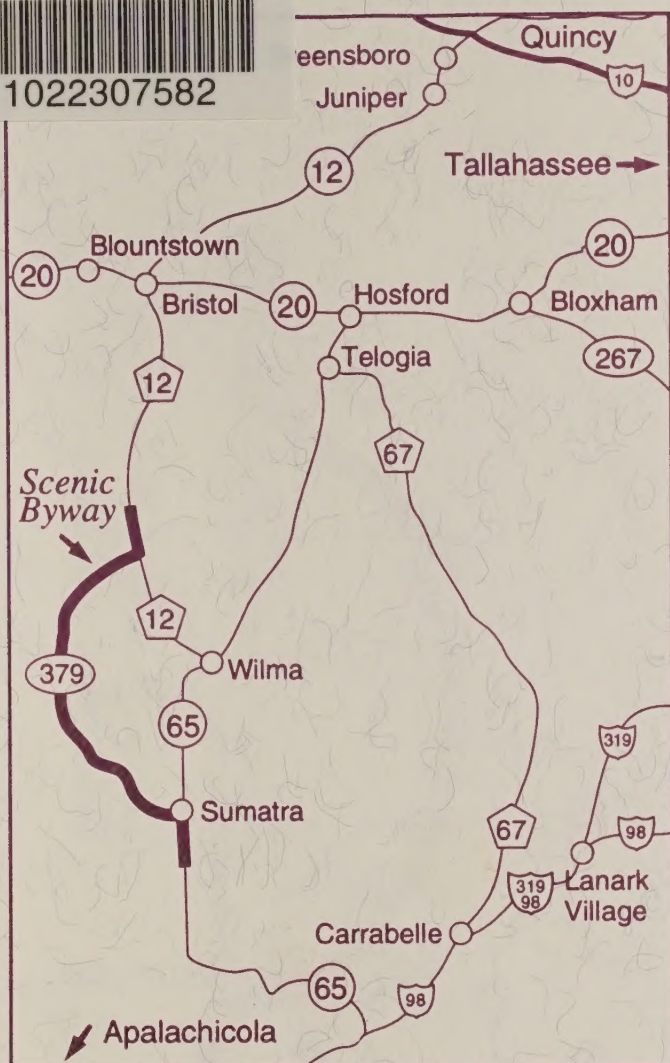
The rightful use and purpose of our natural resources is to make the people strong and well, able and wise . . . full of knowledge and initiative, with equal opportunity for all and special privilege for none.

—Gifford Pinchot
First Chief of the
USDA Forest





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